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TO THE PERSON ADDRESSED:

Earlier this month, we solicited comments from the dairy industry and other interested parties about the availability of market milk supplies for Class 1 and mandatory Class 2 uses and whether the milk movement requirements should be implemented during this coming fall and winter. We appreciate receiving comments from the individuals and organizations that responded during the comment period.

As a result of the review process, we have decided to implement the milk movement performance standard at the 90 percent level for the period September 10, 2000 to April 30, 2001. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the milk movement provisions. Only designated supply handlers are listed in the attachments.

Any plant making a call upon a designated supply handler must certify that it has met the requirement of 80 percent or more Class 1 usage and less than 5 percent Class 4a and 4b usage during the seven days prior to making the call. Any such certification will be subject to an audit.

The availability of market milk supplies for Class 1 purposes will be closely monitored. The Department may, on its own motion, modify the milk movement requirements on 15 days notice if it later determines that supplies of market milk for Class 1 uses have substantially changed. The Department may also terminate the milk movement requirements on 10 days notice if it determines that supplies of market milk for Class 1 uses have substantially increased.

In accordance with the Milk Movement Requirements, a sample certification form that a call handler can use when requesting market milk is printed on the reverse side of this letter. To initiate the call process, the call handler should contact the designated supply handler and the Dairy Marketing Branch with the necessary information shown on the sample certificate.

Sincerely,

David K. Ikari, Chief
Dairy Marketing Branch

Enclosures

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CALL HANDLER CERTIFICATION FORM

Any call handler who makes a call upon a designated supply handler for market milk must file a certification form with the Department and with such designated supply handler. The certification form will stipulate that the market milk requested will be used for Class 1 purposes and that the call handler meets the standards of a call handler. The following is a sample certification form.

In making a call, the first listed designated supply handler for the current week must be contacted. Only if this handler states that they have already met the 90% utilization can the next handler be called.

Certification of a Call Handler's Request for
Bulk Market Milk from a Designated Supply Handler

Call Handler Requesting Milk _____

Designated Supply Handler Asked to Supply Milk _____

I certify that I meet the standards of a call handler as specified in section 100.7 of the Stabilization and Marketing Plan. I satisfy the requirement of 80% or more Class 1 usage and less than 5% Class 4a and 4b usage during the seven-day period immediately prior to the date of making this call. The market milk I have requested will be used only for Class 1 purposes.

Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

NOTE: Please send the Department's Copy to:

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